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(*d*) whether they paid the annual instalments on the due dates; and

(*e*) if not, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No loans were granted to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Appointment of a Co-operative Deputy Registrar for the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras.

* 1384 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to appoint a Co-operative Deputy Registrar to manage the affairs of the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

Particulars of the scheme started by the Government for the removal of untouchability.

* 1385 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether District Sevaks and Grama Sevaks have been appointed in all the districts for the removal of untouchability;

(*b*) whether any scheme for the removal of untouchability has been started; and

(*c*) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) A note [b] showing the particulars of the scheme started by the Government of Madras for the utilization of the Grant-in-aid given by the Government of India for the removal of untouchability is placed on the table of the House."

Damages caused by floods in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division.

* 1386 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Special Officer submitted any report about the flood havoc in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division during the fasli 1357; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 734–735 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on pages 736–737 infra.

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Betting on American Cotton Market prices.

* 1387 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) for how long the widespread gambling known as " New York Cotton Number Betting " has been going on in this State;

(b) whether the Government have received a bulletin in Tamil entitled " exposure of secrets of New York Cotton " gambling;

(c) whether the Police have investigated any cases of such gambling;

(d) if so, the number of prosecutions and convictions, if any; and

(e) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take 11-20 a.m.
to prevent this gambling?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A certain amount of betting on American Cotton Market prices is going on in this State since 1943.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) The number of prosecutions and convictions during 1953 in Madras City is—

Number prosecuted—2,766.

Number convicted—2,389.

It is not possible to give figures for the districts.

" (e) The Police are taking adequate steps to check this form of gambling."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த சூதாட்டங்களையும், குறுக்கெழுத்துப்போட்டிகளையும் தடைசெய்வதற்காக சட்டமியற்றப்படும் என்று ஒரு முறை ஒரு கேள்விக்கு பதில் சொல்லப்பட்டது. அகைப்பற்றி மந்திரி அவர்கள் என்ன முடிவு எடுத்துக் கொண்டார்கள் என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Regarding cross-word puzzles and other things, the matter is under the active consideration of the Government. We hope to take a decision in the matter very soon."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, answering a similar question on a previous occasion the Hon. Minister stated that there was no need to amend the Act, but only there was need to take effective steps against the evil of betting on cotton. I have been reliably informed by the highest Police officials that the Act is defective